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Purpose:

This governing policy aligns with Shariah rulings to manage MAB funeral services in a manner strictly adhering to the Sunnah. It ensures the funeral process is streamlined, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders are clear, and cost-effective funeral services are provided to the community.

Scope:

The Funeral policy applies to all persons who are involved in any aspect of MAB funeral services.

Policy details.

- **MAB Funeral Team**

Following are the key MAB Funeral teams and responsibilities definition for effective management of MAB funeral services

- **MAB Funeral Director - MAB Funeral Services Coordinator:**
This is the key role to manage and oversee the funeral process. The key responsibilities include to communicate with various stakeholders to provide effective and timely service in a time of need. This role is also responsible for all communications and coordination between different funeral services teams.
The primary responsibility of this role is with MAB General Secretary and MAB president will serve as a backup for this role.
- **MAB Funeral Director – City services:**
This key role is responsible for seamless coordination and completion of all necessary documents for the funeral with the city and the cemetery.
This role also serves as MAB representative of MAB to deal with the city for all funeral services matters. All city services cost including the cemetery services cost shall be paid by the deceased family member directly to the respective department in the presence of MAB funeral director.
- **MAB Funeral Director – Masjid services**
This key role is responsible for timely arrangements of Ghusal, Funeral prayer and any other arrangement within the Masjid.
- **MAB Funeral Director – General Support and Backup**
This new volunteer role will provide general support during the process and serve as a backup on as needed basis.
- **Funeral Religious services:**



The Imam of MAB will provide all the religious services like ghusal and other funeral services with the consultation of MAB Funeral director.

- **Time Lines:**

In this section we define the timelines for various MAB Funeral services.

- **Funeral preparation:**

For same day funeral service between Monday to Friday excluding public holidays. The family must have death certificate and with the MAB funeral director before 11:00 am.

After 11:00 am MAB process the funeral services next business day.

Saturday, City provide limited services. For Saturday funeral processing. The family must have death certificate and with the MAB funeral director before 3:00 pm on Friday.

Sunday and public holidays – No MAB Funeral service.

- **Salat-UL-Janaza:**

Monday to Friday excluding public holidays – After Zahur prayer

Saturday – 11:00 am

- **Ghusal Timings:**

Monday to Friday excluding public holidays – Before 11:00 am

Saturday – Before 10:00 am.

- **Use of Freezer Room:**

MAB Funeral services coordinator will discuss and decide with the family the scope and timing of the use of freezer room and must turn-on the freezer room at least 30 minutes before the arrival of deceased body.

- **Funeral Services Transportation:**

If family can afford MAB recommends that family should use the paid funeral transportation services. MAB can arrange the transportation on behalf of the family. The total cost of transportation shall be paid by the family.

In case if family cannot afford the transportation cost – MAB volunteer can provide the free transportation.

- **Funeral Records:**

MAB Funeral Services Coordinator is responsible to keep the funeral records that can be available upon request.

- **MAB Statement of Death:**

MAB Funeral Services Coordinator is responsible to issue the statement of death to the deceased family within a week of funeral processing.

- **Funeral Cost:**



MAB provide all funeral service except the city services without any fee to the community members but request the community members to generously support by giving donation to the Masjid.

Prohibition of Bid'ah Practices (Innovations)

It is Important to note that reciting the Quran on behalf of the deceased, as a means of benefiting them, is not part of the Sunnah and is therefore prohibited. Such actions are considered *bid'ah* (innovation) and deviate from the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) hence might cause more harm than good.

- **Reading of the Quran for the Dead:**

- Reciting the Quran on behalf of the deceased is not from the Sunnah and is therefore prohibited.
- Instead, families are encouraged to engage in actions that are authentically proven to benefit the deceased:
 - Making sincere du'a (supplication) for forgiveness and mercy.
 - Fulfilling the deceased's unpaid debts.
 - Giving sadaqah (charity) on their behalf.
 - Performing Hajj or Umrah for them if they did not fulfill this obligation.
 - Donating to build a well in a needy Muslim country, providing water for generations.
 - Supporting their family and honoring their commitments.

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